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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN SC: MARCH 11 SC CONSULTATIONS

1. SC CONSULTED INFORMALLY FOR TWO HOURS MORNING MARCH 11 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO DELAY FURTHER FORMAL MEETING IN LIGHT OF PARTIES' EFFORTS TO REACH ACCOMMODATION ON RESOLUTION WORDING, OR TO PRESS FORWARD IMMEDIATELY TO VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION CIRCULATED MARCH 8. OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS WAS TO POSTPONE VOTE IN LIGHT OF EVIDENT PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. CONSULTATIONS ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M. AND WILL RESUME AT 3:30 P.M.

2. AMB. SCALI LED OFF DEBATE WITH STATEMENT THAT US BELIEVED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN LAST THREE DAYS AS RESULT OF INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH BOTH SIDES. US BELIEVED THAT ALL PARTIES SINCERELY WISHED TO RETURN TO NETOTIATIONS. AFTER THREE WEEKS CONSULTATION, ONLY ONE WORD SEPARATES THE TWO SIDES, AND WITH A ALITTLE MORE TIME WE BELIEVE SUCCESS IS POSSIBLE. SCALI ENDED WITH TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO HAD PERSONALLY INVOLVED
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HIMSELF IN NEGOTIATIONS AND HELPED REACH PRESENT STAGE

OF NEAR SUCCESS.

3. SWEDEN, JAPAN, UK AND CAMEROON AGREED WITH SCALI THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TO JUSTIFY FURTHER DELAY. SOVIET AMB. MALIK DELIVERED TIRADE ABOUT COUNCIL BEING FORCED TO SUBJECT ITSELF TO "CAPRICES" OF ONE SIDE BECAUSE OF ONE OR TWO PERMANENT MEMBERS' SUPPORT. MALIK WAS ANSWERED IN KIND BY UK PERM REP RICHARD, WHO SAID "SOVIET INTERRUPTION WAS NOT HELPFUL," AND WAS PARTICULARLY UNPALATABLE COMING FROM TO ONE NATION THAT HAD ON JULY 30 VETOED A PERFECTLY SENSIBLE RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

4. WHILE SC CONSULTATIONS WERE UNDERWAY, GREEK AND TURKISH PERM REPS WERE CONSIDERING VARIATION OF MOST RECENT TURKISH FORMULA, "UNDER HIS PERSONAL AUSPICES," WHICH GREEKS HAD EARLIER IN DAY REJECTED. GREEK PERM REP SUGGESTED TO SYG "UNDER HIS PERSONAL AUSPICES AND IN HIS PRESENCE." OLCAY RECOMMENDED THIS FORMULA TO ANKARA, WHICH IN TURN PROPOSED QUALIFICATION, "AS MAY BE MUTUALLY REQUIRED." THUS, LANGUAGE FOR PARA 6 ON SYG'S ROLE THAT IS NOW IN PLAY IS: "UNDER HIS PERSONAL AUSPICES AND IN HIS PRESENCE AS MAY BE MUTUALLY REQUIRED."

5. AFTER CONSULTATIONS, TURKISH AMB. OLCAY TOLD US ANKARA HAD AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT: THAT SYG DELIVER CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO GOT GIVING HIS ASSURANCE THAT HIS PARTICIPATION IN RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE LIMITED TO PRESIDING OVER OPENING PHASE OF TALKS. OLCAY SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO REPLACING "AS MAY BE MUTUALLY REQUIRED" BY "AS AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES" SO LONG AS SYG AGREED TO CONFIDENTIAL LETTER.

6. AMBASSADORS SCALI AND SCHAUFEL AND ASST. SECRETARY BUFFUM THEN DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH SYG. WALDHEIM WAS CONSIDERING TEXT OF LETTER, BUT CLEARLY HAD GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT SENDING IT BECAUSE OF GREEK AND CYPRIOT VIEWS REGARDING HIS ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.

7. MEANWHILE, SC IS OPERATING UNDER PRESSURE OF NEW DEADLINE SET BY SYG, WHO IS DETERMINED TO LEAVE FOR UNIDO CONFERENCE BY MARCH 11 NIGHT FLIGHT. THIS DESPITE SCALI AND BUFFUM'S CONFIDENTIAL

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ARGUMENT THAT REACHING MUTUALLY AGREEABLE CYPRUS RESOLUTION SEEMED MORE IMPORTANT THAN SYG'S PRESENCE IN LIMA.
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